



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Applicants : **Chin-Cheng Chien et al.**  
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Title : **METHOD OF SURFACE PRETREATMENT  
BEFORE SELECTIVE EPITAXIAL GROWTH**  
TC/A.U. : **2822**  
Examiner : **DUONG, KHANH B**  
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Honorable Commissioner for Patents

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Sir:

This paper is in response to the Official Action dated March 28, 2006. Applicant respectfully requests that the examiner reconsiders the amended application.

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